

Index to SC Plats - film of original at SC Archives.

See copies of the index and two plats. William Pannell in 1785 had a plat made of his grant for 154 acres on the waters of the Little River in the Camden District in 1785. This was in Plat Book 16, page 221. The plat shows his neighbors as John Lee to the south, Cain Cardell(?) to the east, north by George Thomas, and west by Col. Hopkins. On page 158 of the same book is a plat made in 1784 for a neighbor of William Pannell's - Nicholas Roberts. Roberts has William Pannell to the south, Benjamin Dove to the east, and was bounded on the north west by Israel Seamore, and on the south west by Col. Hopkins. This places William Pannell and Benjamin Dove in close proximity in 1784.

At this time I did not search of the films of the SC Memorials, but some have been abstracted in "SC Memorials: Abstracts of Land Titles, Vol. 1 1774-1776".⁴ See copy of page 57, where David Hopkins entered a memorial for several tracts in 1775. On one of these, on the Little River, he was bounded by William Pannell, among others.

Research at the Fairfield County Courthouse, Winnsboro

The older deeds and probate records have been sent to the SC Archives, but films are at the Fairfield County Museum. I had been advised to look at the index to land deeds at the courthouse, and an extract of Pannell entries is enclosed.

The indexes to deeds 1842-1971 had only one entry for Anderson Pannell, book QQ, page 220 - Anderson sold 129 acres on Pannells Mill Creek⁵ to Henry Castle in 1847.

Research at the Fairfield County Museum, Winnsboro

Pannell file

This manuscript file contains pedigree and family group sheets, also copies of a Pannell query placed in the Chester County Genealogical Society magazine. Most of the sheets concern the descendants of Anderson Pannell, which I did not copy, but I can obtain copies if your client does not have this information.

The most surprising paper in this file was an abstract of the deed that occasioned the entry in the Minutes of the Fairfield County Court (see above). This was taken from the South Carolina Magazine for Ancestral Research, and was in Deed Book A, pages 208-209.⁶

⁴ Call Number SC 929.3757 SC

⁵ I've been unable to locate where this creek is, the name may have been one used just for the purposes of the deed, or the name may have changed since.

⁶ This deed was not in the transcription of Deed Book A that is in the Greenville Library, I can only guess that this publication was not complete, leading to another series of abstracts being published in the magazine.

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Pannell/Dove

Research at the Family History Center, Greenville.

Both the Andrea Collection and the index to the SCDAR records were negative. However, they have a copy of the land grant maps published by the Union County Genealogical Society, and I made a rough sketch of the tract which was granted to Benjamin Dove in 1767. It was in the southwest corner of Chester County, not far from the Fairfield line.

Research at Greenville County Library

Fairfield County, SC, Tax Returns, 1792. Both William Pannell and Benjamin Dove were included - see copies.¹

Fairfield County, SC, Minutes of the County Court 1785-1799²

See copy of page 48, where in 1791 Anderson Pannell, Peter Holsey and Benjamin Pannell gave their oath that they had witnessed a deed when Benjamin, Sarah, and Margaret Holsey had deeded a tract in Berkeley County, VA to a John Stip.

Fairfield County Marriages 1775-1789 Implied in Fairfield County, SC Probate Records.³

Here there are references to a couple of Dove marriages, and one for a Thomas Pannell, which I believe should read Pannell. See copies.

The following were negative for Pannell and Dove:

Fairfield County, SC, Deed Book A, 1785-1788.

Surname List of the Fairfield Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society for 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Fairfield Family Histories (1700s - 1982).

History of Fairfield County, South Carolina.

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² Call Number SC 929.3757 SC Fairfield

³ Call Number SC 929.3757 SC Fairfield

Most of the papers in the file refer to Anderson as the son of William, again, no proof is given. In the query it is suggested that Anderson is the son of Israel Pannell, but this seems unlikely.

One document suggests that Anderson Pannell's wife was a Yarborough, while another says that her given name was Elizabeth. There are no sources for this information, this could be a family tradition. A Yarborough family came from Amelia County, VA, to Chester, SC, so this connection seems promising. I checked the Yarborough file, but there was no mention of a Yarborough/Pannell marriage.

The Dove manuscript file also did not give any links back to Virginia, but I copied a couple of family group sheets, including one for a daughter of Anderson Pannell who married a Dove.

As you can see from the Pannell entries in the Fairfield Grantor/Grantee index, there were no early deeds involving William Pannell. Only at the end of his life did he start deeding land to his sons William, Anderson, and Thomas (and possibly Luke).

A copy of the deed from William to Anderson is enclosed - Book Q, Page 292. Dated 16 April 1805, the tract of 50 acres sold for \$150 was part of a grant to William in 1760. This date was a surprise, I thought it may have been actually 1780, and enlarged the page to be sure. Later I searched the index to all grants made on the Little River (arranged chronologically) and there was no such grant recorded. Note that William Jr. and Luke Pannell witnessed the deed.

Deed Book W, Page 50 - I had trouble reading and copying this deed, but as you can see from the copy of the second page, Thomas Gwin sold 20 acres on the southwest fork of the Little River to Anderson Pannell in 1813. This tract had earlier been deeded by William Carter to Thomas Carter Gwinn in 1802. Note that a daughter of Benjamin Dove probably married a William Carter.

Fairfield County estates - Neither William nor Anderson left an estate - in William's case the evidence of the land deeds suggests that William may have deeded his property to his sons before his death to avoid probate costs. There is no such evidence for Anderson, although the 1850 census shows him as owning no property.

Estate of William Pannell Jr. - ref. 27/405. I looked at this to make sure that the estates of both father and son had not been put in one file, which I have seen happen before. I copied some pages to show how Anderson was involved in the estate, and to give a glimpse of the lifestyle of the Pannell family at that time (from the appraisal and sale bill).

Estate of Benjamin Dove - ref. 45/700. Benjamin left a will - a copy of the WPA transcript is enclosed, note that Anderson was a witness. Also enclosed are copies of the

Appraisalment Bond - Anderson was one of the appraisers - and of Anderson's oath saying that he had witnessed the will. Note that in this last document, he is referred to as both Anderson and Andrew. You can also see his distinctive mark.

There is nothing in this file to suggest that Benjamin had a daughter who married William Pannell. I question whether this Benjamin Dove would be William Pannell's father-in-law, it seems more likely he would be a brother-in-law.

Fairfield County Cemetery Books - negative for all but a few later Pannells.

At this point I decided that although more work in the Fairfield land deeds would turn up information on the later Pannells, I needed to look at the Colonial records to find some connection to Virginia.

Further Research at the Greenville Library.

Index to SC Memorials - see copies. Enclosed are copies of the following memorials:

Vol. 12, Page 108. A memorial for Benjamin Dove for 100 acres on the Little River bounded by William Pannell. The survey was dated 17 Sep 1772, and the grant 19 Nov. 1772. Benjamin Dove registered the memorial himself on 4 May 1773 (the memorialist or a representative had to make the long journey to Charleston to register).

Vol. 2, Page 514. A memorial for William Pannell for 100 acres on the Little River bounded on all sides by vacant land. The land was surveyed 1 Sep 1767, and the grant was issued 29 Apr. 1768. Robert Aleom (?) registered the memorial for William.

Vol. 13, Page 130. A memorial for William Pannell for 50 acres on the Little River bounded north by Richard Gwinn. The survey was made 27 May 1773, and the grant was made 23 June 1774. Thomas Franklin(?) registered the memorial on 28 Nov. 1774.

1790 Census - here again William appears as "Parnell", living next to Benjamin Dove Jr and Jesse T. Wallis. See copy of page 21, Camden District, Fairfield County.

1850 Census - see copies of pages 244 and 245. The writing here was very faded, but the census taker was very painstaking, and not only recorded the state of birth, but the South Carolina county also. Anderson Pannell, age 82, was living alone, and was born in Fairfeild County.

Not far away is a Benjamin Dove, age 72, born in Fairfield, and also a Thomas Yarborough, age 46, living in the Willard Thomas household, along with a Hampton Pannell.

The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research.

See copies of:

Vol. 10, Page 136 - "Some migrations from Virginia to South Carolina". A deed (1/347) from Mecklenburg County is to give power of attorney to Samuel Marshall from Benjamin Baird to collect money from some men who have moved to NC, SC, and GA. One of these men is a Wm. Pennell.

Vol. 15, Page 220 - a query re: the Dove and Pannell families.

Gone to Georgia.⁷ See copy of page 66. Many South Carolinians migrated across the Savannah to Georgia, and this book is a good source for determining their origins. A paragraph describing a Daniel Pannell in Jackson County says that the family was in Virginia in the 17th century, in Northampton and Charles City early on, and later in Culpeper, Orange, Henry and Amherst. Note the similar naming patterns and that they were associated with the Carter family.

Conclusion

The evidence so far points to both William Pannell and Benjamin Dove coming to South Carolina from Virginia in 1767. Benjamin received a grant in what is now southwest Chester County, near his father-in-law Dennis Crosby. The size of the grant suggests he had five people in his household.

The same year William Pannell settled on the Little River, in what is now north west Fairfield County. The size of his grant suggests he had two people in his household. In 1772, Benjamin moved next to William on the Little River.

Later on William received more land grants, always in the same area. He was associated with the Dove, Gwinn, Hopkins, Roberts, and Carter families. William did not record any more land transactions after his grants until he began deeding his land to his sons early in the 1800's. William died some time after he deeded land to Anderson in 1805.

Anderson was born in Fairfield soon after his father arrived in South Carolina, he may have married an Elizabeth Yarborough, but that has not been proved. Again, he did not leave much of a record behind him.

Suggestions for further research.

As noted above, time did not allow a complete search of the Fairfield land records. Also the more obscure records such as church and later court records have not been searched. I would advise taking a look at the Chester County records for a complete picture of this family.

⁷ Call Number Gen 929.3758 GA

I would also try to contact the various people who have left records at Fairfield or placed queries about the Pannell and Dove families.

As there is only circumstantial evidence at this point to prove that William married Lucinda Dove, I did not spend much time on the Dove family. If this connection can be proved to your satisfaction, more work could be done on this family.